

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-7. (Previously Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A glide arrangement for an article of furniture including a base having a lower portion that extends generally parallel to a support surface such as a floor, wherein the lower portion of the base terminates in an end including a that includes a laterally facing opening, and wall structure defining an having one or more interior surfaces that define a laterally extending internal passage extending inwardly from the opening, comprising:

a glide member including glide wall structure defining a laterally facing opening within which the end of the lower portion of the base is received, wherein the glide wall structure further defines a downwardly facing lower engagement surface configured to be spaced below the lower extent portion of the base and to engage the support surface and adapted to engage the wall structure at the end of the base, wherein the glide member includes an opening and wall structure defines an annular area which engages the wall structure at the end of the base, wherein the downwardly facing lower engagement surface of the glide member faces transversely relative to the laterally facing opening defined by the glide wall structure; and

an end cap having a cap portion and an engagement section extending therefrom, wherein the engagement section is adapted for passage configured to pass through the laterally facing opening in the glide member and into the laterally extending passage defined by the end of the lower portion of the base and into engagement with the one or

more interior surfaces that define the laterally extending internal passage, and wherein the cap portion is engageable with the annular area defined by the glide member wall structure for enclosing the laterally facing opening of the glide member.

9-31. (Previously Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) The glide arrangement of claim 8, wherein the ~~annular areaglide wall structure of the glide member further comprises a ring extending upwardly from the downwardly facing lower engagement portion defining a distal end having a passage configured to receive an outermost end defined by the surface, wherein the ring defines the annular area that engages the wall structure at the end of the base.~~

33. (Currently Amended) The glide arrangement of claim 8, wherein the laterally facing opening of the glide member further comprises ~~includes~~ a recess configured to receive a peripheral outer flange defined by the cap portion of the end cap.

34. (Currently Amended) The glide arrangement of claim 8, wherein the engagement section of the end cap includes a series of ridges configured to engage the wall structure ~~within the internal passage~~ one or more interior surfaces that define the laterally extending internal passage of the lower portion of the base.

35. (Previously Added) The glide arrangement of claim 32, wherein the ring includes a curved forward edge.

36. (Previously Added) The glide arrangement of claim 8, wherein the glide member is formed of a thermoplastic material.

37. (Previously Added) The glide arrangement of claim 8, wherein the end cap is formed of a nylon material.

38. (Currently Amended) The glide arrangement of claim 8, wherein the article of furniture comprises a chair and wherein the base includes ~~a lower member adapted for placement adjacent a supporting surface and an upstanding member extending upwardly from the lower member portion~~ for supporting a seat associated with the chair above the supporting surface.

39. (Currently Amended) The glide arrangement of claim 38, wherein the seat is located forwardly of the upstanding member of the base.

40. (Currently Amended) A method of mounting a glide arrangement to an article of furniture for use in supporting the article of furniture on a support surface, comprising the acts of:

a) providing an article of furniture that includes a base having a lower portion that defines an end having a laterally facing opening and includes including a wall structure having one or more interior surfaces defining an a laterally extending internal passage extending inwardly from the laterally facing opening;

b) securing a glide member to the end of the lower portion of the base, wherein the glide member includes a downwardly facing lower engagement surface spaced below the lower extent of the base and adapted to engage the wall structure at, a laterally extending passage the end of the base, an annular area, and an a laterally facing opening in the annular area that is in line with the laterally facing passage, wherein the downwardly facing lower engagement surface of the glide member faces transversely relative to the laterally facing opening in the annular area, wherein the glide member is secured to the end of the lower portion of the base by positioning the end of the lower portion of the base through into the laterally extending passage opening of the glide

member into engagement with the annular area of the glide member such that the annular area engages the wall structure at the end of the base, wherein, when the glide member is secured to the end of the lower portion of the base, the laterally facing opening in the annular area provides access to the laterally extending passage defined by the one or more interior surfaces of the wall structure at the end of the lower portion of the base; and

c) securing an end cap to the glide member, wherein the end cap includes having a cap portion and an engagement section extending therefrom, and wherein the end cap is secured to the glide member by passing the engagement section through the laterally facing opening in the glide member and into the laterally extending passage defined by the wall structure at the end of the lower portion of the base, wherein the cap portion of the end cap engages the annular area of the glide member and the engagement section of the end cap engages the one or more interior surfaces of the wall structure at the end of the lower portion of the base, to maintain the end cap and the glide member in engagement with the end of the lower portion of the base.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein the annular area of the glide member ~~further comprises a ring extending upwardly from the lower engagement portion, wherein the ring defines a distal end having a~~ laterally facing opening and the laterally extending passage configured to receive the outermost end of the wall of the base, and wherein the step of securing the glide member is carried out by extending-positioning the end of the lower portion of the base through the opening-laterally extending passage of the glide member until the an outermost end of the wall-lower portion of the base is fully engaged within the passageengages an annular end surface of the ring forming the end of the laterally extending passage.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein the laterally facing opening of the glide member further comprises a recess configured to receive a peripheral outer flange of the end cap, and wherein the step of securing the end cap is

carried out by passing the engagement section of the end cap through the laterally facing opening of the glide member until the peripheral outer flange engages-is engaged within the recess.

43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein the engagement section of the end cap includes a series of ridges configured to engage the one or more interior surfaces that define the laterally extending internal passage for providing a friction fit mounting of the end cap and the glide member to the base.

44. (Previously Added) The method of claim 41, wherein the ring includes a curved forward edge.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein the article of furniture comprises a chair and wherein the base includes ~~a lower member adapted for placement adjacent a supporting surface and an upstanding member extending upwardly from the lower member portion of the base~~ for supporting a seat associated with the chair above the supporting surface.

46. (Currently Amended) A base for an article of furniture ~~including a glide arrangement~~ for supporting the article of furniture above a support surface, comprising:

a base frame having a lower portion defining an end including a wall structure defining an a laterally facing opening and a laterally extending internal passage that extends inwardly from the opening generally parallel to the support surface;

a glide member including a lower, downwardly facing engagement surface spaced below the lower extent of the lower portion of the base and adapted to engage the wall structure at the end of the lower portion of the base, wherein the glide member includes ~~an a laterally facing opening and an annular area~~ defining a laterally extending passage

within which engages the wall structure at the end of the lower portion of the base is received; and

an end cap having a cap portion and an engagement section extending therefrom, wherein the engagement section is adapted for passage through the laterally facing opening in the glide member and into the laterally extending passage defined by the end of the lower portion of the base, and wherein the cap portion is engageable with the annular area of the glide member for enclosing the laterally facing opening of the glide member.

47. (Currently Amended) The base of claim 46, wherein the annular area of the glide member ~~further comprises a ring extending upwardly from the lower engagement portion and defining a distal end having an engagement slot configured to receive the outermost end of the wall of the base, wherein the ring defines the laterally facing opening and the laterally extending passage.~~

48. (Currently Amended) The base of claim 47, wherein the ~~opening~~ annular area of the glide member further comprises a recess adjacent the laterally facing opening configured to receive a flange defined by the end cap.

49. (Currently Amended) The base of claim 47, wherein the engagement section of the end cap includes a series of ridges configured to engage an internal surface of the wall structure within of the lower portion of the base that defines the laterally extending internal passage.

50. (Previously Added) The base of claim 47, wherein the ring includes a curved forward edge.

51. (Currently Amended) The base of claim 46, wherein the article of furniture comprises a chair and wherein the base includes a ~~lower member adapted for placement adjacent a supporting surface and an upstanding member extending upwardly from the lower member portion~~ for supporting a seat associated with the chair above the supporting surface.

52. (Currently Amended) The base of claim 51, wherein the seat is located forwardly of the ~~base arrangement~~ upstanding member.

53. (Currently Amended) A glide arrangement for an article of furniture including a base having an end including a wall structure defining an internal passage, comprising:

a glide member including a ~~lower downwardly facing engagement surface, spaced below the lower extent of the base and wherein the glide member includes a laterally extending passage that opens in a direction transverse to the downwardly facing engagement surface, wherein the laterally extending passage is adapted to engage receive the wall structure at the end of the base, wherein the glide member includes an a laterally facing opening and an internal area which engages the wall structure at the end of the base that opens onto the laterally extending passage; and~~

an end cap having a cap portion and an engagement section extending therefrom, wherein the engagement section is adapted for passage through the opening in the glide member and into the passage defined by the end of the base, ~~and wherein the cap portion is engageable with the glide member for enclosing and is configured to enclose the opening of the glide member and to face in a direction transverse to the downwardly facing surface of the glide member.~~

54. (New) The glide arrangement of claim 53, wherein the ~~base defines an outer annular surface, and wherein the glide member includes an inner annular~~

surface area that defines the laterally extending passage and the laterally facing opening,
wherein the annular area is configured to engage the outer surface wall structure at the end
of the base.